

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been examined, claims 2, 10, and 14 are currently amended, and claims 1, 5-9, 12, 13, and 17 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 2-4, 10-11, and 14-16 are now pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of all outstanding rejections and objections are requested. It is noted with appreciation that claims 10-11 and 14-15 have been deemed to recite allowable subject matter.

Claims 10 and 14 have been amended to be in independent form and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 10 and 14 are allowable.

Further, claim 11, which depends on claim 10, is allowable for the same reasons as claim 10 and claims 15 and 16, which depend on claim 14, are allowable for the same reasons as claim 14.

Claim 2 has been amended to include a legacy parallel bus coupling the host and daughtercard. The legacy parallel bus is used to couple the host to legacy daughtercards having only a parallel interface and to couple the host to the parallel interface of a non-legacy daughtercard for performing low-bandwidth data exchanges with the non-legacy daughtercard. A high bandwidth serial link couples the host and non-legacy daughtercard to implement memory write and read commands.

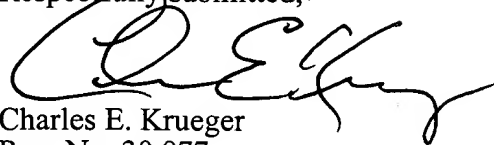
The features recited in claim 2 are not disclosed or taught by the cited references, singly or in combination. Accordingly, claim 2 is believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 944-3320.

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